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"Have you and I to-day
Stood silent as with Christ, apart from joy or fray
Of life, to see by faith his face;
To look, if but a moment, at its grace,
And grow, by brief companionship, more true,
More nerved to lead, to dare to do,
For him at any cost? Have we to-day
Found time, in thought, our hand to lay
In his, and thus compare
His will with ours, and wear
The impress of his wish? Be sure
Such contact will endure
Throughout the day; will help us walk erect
Through storm and flood; detect
Within the hidden life sin's dross, its stain;
Revive a thought of love for him again;
Steady the steps which waver; help to see
The footpath meant for you and me."

Working Notes.—Christmas greetings! The twenty-third annual meeting of the W. M. S of New Brunswick was held with the church at St. John, West, in October. It was a pleasure to read of the good work accomplished, and of the plans for the coming year, as reported in the *Intelligencer*; to see the familiar names, and imagine the well remembered hospitality of St. John homes. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of greeting to the W. M. S. of the United States. It was voted that Miss Gaunce remain in Sinclair Orphanage another year. Among other appropriations were \$100 for home missions, \$100 for a native preacher at Ujurda, \$25 for a Bible woman, under Miss Gaunce's direction, and \$50 to the Widows' Home. The first money for the Widows' Home came from New Brunswick, and one of the prime movers in this particularly deserving cause was a New Brunswick woman. . . . Interesting reports from the juniors of Gobleville, Mich., the "Little Light-Bearers" of the Roger Williams church, Providence, R. I., and from the Hillsdale, Mich., Q. M. W. M. S., were received too late to appear in the November number. Also a letter from the children's missionary, and other letters from the field. A member of the Main St., Lewiston, Me., aux., writes, "Our treasurer's report was quite encouraging. We have raised more money this year than in any other, except one, for over twenty years." . . . A Michigan worker writes, "A very pleasant feature of the rally at Hillsdale was omitted in the *HELPER* report. A beautifully painted silk quilt, designed by Mrs. S. J. Teeple of Sanilac Center, was presented to Miss DeMeritte by the women of Michigan as a token of their loving appreciation of her faithful services as treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Alice Hulce, who presented it, and Miss DeMeritte in her reply, seemed inspired to say the right things. Mrs. Hulce happily and humorously proved that Miss DeMeritte was just the one to possess the beautiful gift, and Miss DeMeritte as happily responded." . . . In his address on "Missions and Denominational Papers," at the meeting of the Michigan Association, Mr. H. S. Myers spoke of the MISSIONARY HELPER as "a valuable ally in the denominational missionary work." . . . Please read carefully Mrs. Andrews' excellent suggestions in "The Auxiliary Calendar"; the "Prospectus for 1900" on fourth page of cover; the announcement regarding the "History of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society," and that concerning the reading course. Note that the address of Mrs. S. C. G. Avery (as corresponding secretary and as superintendent of the Bureau of Missionary Intelligence and Exchange) will hereafter be Wells Branch, Me. . . . We gladly call attention to the special inducements offered to all who will make holiday purchase of "In The Path of Light," by Rev. T. H. Stacy, and of the "Free Baptist Cyclopædia" (see November *HELPER* for announcement regarding the latter). These books should be in every home and Sunday-school

library. . . . One of the good things in store for us in 1905 is a "Sunshine" page conducted by Mrs. Rivington D. Lord of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Lord is president of the MISSIONARY HELPER branch of the Tribune Sunshine Society. . . . Very helpful articles are constantly appearing, in the *Morning Star* and *Free Baptist*, on our native workers and work in the India field, as well as home work in the West and South. These will be valuable aids in preparing programs for the monthly meetings as outlined in the HELPER, and should be kept for that purpose. . . . News of so much that is hopeful and cheering comes to our editorial room, from workers far and near, that the poverty of the annual reports, from our wider point of view, is extremely depressing. If there had been no achievement along certain lines we would accept the inevitable, so far as the report is concerned; but this is not the case. The failure is not in lack of interest or activity in local work, but in the lack of appreciation of the importance of reporting it. The desire for a comparatively adequate report is not merely a matter of pride in making what we call "a good showing," although that feeling is pardonable; but rather for the inspiration that an accurate report gives the worker, and the impetus it gives to the work. We all like to "belong," and to belong to something that is worth while, and how can the majority of us know unless we see the evidences. If we who are away from the large centers can accomplish so much under difficulties, and with limitations, it may encourage some one else in the same conditions to hear about it. If the societies in the cities have a grand working force and bright ideas skilfully executed, we are all interested, for we all belong. If the children are putting their fresh enthusiasm into the work, we want to know just how and where, and they want us to know. You on the wide prairies, with your magnificent disregard of distance or difficulties, you in the farming communities and small villages, you in the large churches and up-to-date auxiliaries, are each and all an important part of the organization. Let no secretary of any branch of work in any locality think, "My report will not count." Our general officers are exceptionally bright women, we believe, but they cannot evolve the year's record from their inner consciousness. We recently met in travel an enthusiastic present of a Methodist auxiliary, who said, "I am trying to impress our women with the fact that no office or committee, however small, is unimportant, and that anything worth doing at all is worth doing well." We thank this sister for her inspirational words and gladly pass them along, as all good things should be passed—especially at Christmas-time.

"MISSIONS should interest everybody for the civilization which they bring to other peoples."

Helps for Monthly Meetings.

TOPICS FOR 1900.

- January—Review of '99. Outlook.**
- February—Prayer and Praise.**
- March—Home Mission Work.**
- April—Our Corner of India.**
- May—Thank-Offering.**
- June—The Children.**
- July—Some of Our Native Workers.**
- August—Auxiliary Outing. Missionary Seed-Sowing for Hot Weather.**
- September—Medical Missions. Our New Missionary.**
- October—Roll-call and Membership Meeting.**
- November—Denominational Review.**
- December—Christian Missions and Social Progress.**

JANUARY.—REVIEW OF '99. OUTLOOK.

"Another year is but another call of God
To do some deed undone, some duty we forgot."

SUGGESTIVE PROGRAM.

SINGING, "I Gave My Life for Thee."

Prayers for a deeper consecration in the coming year.

Bible reading for the beginning of the new year, "Consecration and Bible Study":

Commands for consecration: *Of ourselves*—John 21: 15-17; Mark 16: 15; John 15: 16; Rom. 12: 1; 1 John 3: 16; Col. 3: 16, 17; Matt. 28: 19. *Of our time*—Eccles. 11: 6; Col. 4: 5; *Of our money*—2 Cor. 8: 12; 9: 7. *Of our prayers*—Matt. 9: 37, 38; Col. 4: 2.

We learn from God's word that a consecrated life and Bible study go hand in hand: Matt. 5: 39; Ps. 119: 11, 105.

To learn and know a thing there must be thought and study upon it. The little child learns thoughts and expressions by having them continually before its mind, and by continual repetition. Just so with the child of God; if he would learn God's thoughts, and know what to say and do, he must prayerfully study and meditate upon his thoughts and expressions as found in his word and works. The psalmist says, "The wicked through the pride of his countenance will not seek after God. God is not in all his thoughts."

Some one has said, "What the Lord Jesus accomplished on earth as man he owed greatly to his use of the scriptures. He found in them the way marked in which he had to walk, the food and the strength on which he could work, the weapon by which he could overcome every enemy." Jesus reproved the Jews for not knowing the scriptures. He said to them, "Ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent him ye believe not."

The psalmist knew the importance of Bible study. He depended upon it for his life in God. He hid it in his heart that he might not commit sin. How different it would be in the church and in the world if every Christian would improve his privilege of knowing God by a thorough study of his word. Some one has said, "That the Christian is the world's Bible, and how can the world learn about God if Christians are not filled with his word?"

Paul speaks of the Christians at Corinth as epistles known and read of all men. He says they are manifestly declared to be the epistles of Christ, not written with ink, but written with the spirit of the living God. It must be that the Holy Spirit through our earnest longings after the things of God writes his word upon our hearts, so that it is continually going out, and those with whom we come in contact must see Christ, because we are filled with the spirit of God's word.

A very prominent Bible teacher says, "No Bible student should be without a concordance, Bible dictionary, and Bible atlas. Search the scriptures daily with prayerful meditation; and be guided into the way of all truth and into immortal glory!"—*Adapted from Missionary Messenger.*

Singing, "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Echoes from Hillsdale rally and annual meeting. (Brief talk.)

Outline of work in the home field during the year. (See reports in this number.)

Outline of work in the foreign field. (See corresponding secretary's report.)

Items of interest gleaned from the reports of publication committee, publisher and editor, and from the prospectus on fourth page or cover—by the local **HELPER** agent.

"Organization; Education; Spirituality." Paper on the working motto for 1900.

The outlook; over the world's field and over our small part of it. (Brief talk by the president.)

Prayer for the wide field and all workers; and for divine guidance and in-

in the new year.

Singing, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

NOTE.—Under the head of "Education," in the paper on the working motto for 1900, it would be helpful to call attention to the reading course, particularly to the books suggested for the current year; to the recent "History of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society," written by Mrs. Mary A. Davis; to the **MISSIONARY HELPER** as an educational factor, and to our leaflets, notably the one on "India."—EDITOR.

THE AUXILIARY CALENDAR.

BY MRS. ELLA H. ANDREWS.

IT is a safe prophecy that any auxiliary that has once used the annual calendar will continue its use ever afterward.

What is the auxiliary calendar?

Simply this, a printed outline of the date, hour, and place of meeting, together with the topic and name of leader for each meeting, for the coming season. There may be added the society or local auxiliary motto, a word of invitation to ladies of church and congregation, and such other notes as are suggested by local conditions.

Why is the calendar useful?

Because of the enthusiasm it gives to the opening meeting of the season when it is presented to the auxiliary by a committee chosen weeks or months in

advance, and put into the hands of each member present, and directly after sent to absent members and to those who may become members.

Because it enables every woman to know at any time just the date of the next meeting, and make other engagements and appointments at such time as not to conflict with the auxiliary meeting.

Because, in case of a severe storm and consequent small attendance at church on the Sunday preceding auxiliary meeting, those who failed to hear the announcement are not kept in ignorance of the place of meeting.

Because of the necessary forethought and consequent increase of interest in the program.

Because more care is given to the selection of topics and leaders for a program that is to be printed than would otherwise be given.

Other reasons might be named, but these are sufficient. In selecting places for holding the meetings do not think it must always be held with one of the members or among those interested. Do just the other way, ask the woman who is not an attendant, or the one who you think is not interested to open her home to the meeting. You will be surprised to learn how few will refuse, and you will be encouraged by learning that some are interested who had not appeared to be so, and you will find that some of these women will become active in the work of the auxiliary.

MISSIONARIES OF THE F. B. W. M. S.

INDIA.

Miss Harriet P. Phillip, (supported by Rhode Island), kindergarten missionary, Balasore

Mary W. Bacheler, M. D. (Michigan), medical missionary, Midnapore.

Miss Lavina C. Coombs (Maine), superintendent of zenana work, Midnapore.

Miss Ella M. Butts (New Hampshire), teacher in Bible school, Midnapore.

Miss Jessie J. Scott (Iowa), supt. of the Doreas Smith Widows' Home, Balasore.

Miss Emilie E. Barnes (children's missionary), lay preacher, Bhudruck.

Miss Lizzie E. Gaunce (New Brunswick), superintendent of Sinclair Orphanage, Balasore.

(Besides the missionaries about forty native helpers, including Bible women and zenana teachers, are supported. Money is also appropriated for the work of Mrs. Burkholder at Bhimpore, work of Mrs. Coldren at Chandball, and work at Jellasore.)

AMERICA.

Rev. Elizabeth Moody, western field agent, Hillsdale, Mich.

Miss Shirley H. Smith (preparing for medical mission work in India, at the University at Ann Arbor), Hillsdale, Mich.

Mrs. Lura B. Lightner, lady principal of Storer college, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

Miss M. Jennie Baker, principal of domestic science department, Storer college.

Miss Claire Sands (Cristy fund) teacher of English branches, Storer college.

Miss Ella Smith (Cristy fund) teacher of English branches, Storer college.

Miss Stella James (Cristy fund) teacher of English branches, Storer college.

Miss Virgie Brown (Rhode Island), matron of Myrtle Hall, Storer college.

NOTE.—Any one wishing to assume the support of Bible women, zenana teachers, orphans, or widows, to take shares at \$4 each in the salary of the children's missionary, or at \$5 each in that of the superintendent of domestic science at Storer college is invited to correspond with the treasurer.

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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MINUTES.

THE twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held at the 1st Free Baptist church, Portland, Me., Oct. 25, 1899, according to the following call:

The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the First Free Baptist church, Portland, Me., Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1899, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purpose:

To elect officers for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may legally come before it.

ALICE M. METCALF, Rec. Sec.

The president was in the chair. Devotional service was led by Mrs. A. B. Webber; subject, "Every Christian a Missionary."

Voted, To accept the records of the board of managers.

Report of treasurer was accepted.

Mrs. L. M. Leighton and Miss Emma Stevens were appointed a committee on courtesies.

Miss Florence Leighton and Miss Lizzie Blake were appointed ushers.

Mrs. M. S. Getchell, Mrs. Emily Jordan, Mrs. J. M. Hooper, Miss Ida Fullonton, Mrs. S. L. Brown were appointed a committee on nominations.

Mrs. C. A. Ricker, Mrs. M. G. Osgood, Mrs. A. C. Hayes were appointed committee on resolutions.

Reports of Western secretary and Western committee were accepted.

Report of Central secretary was read by Mrs. M. G. Osgood, and accepted.

Report of the finance committee was given by its chairman, Mrs. C. A. Ricker, and accepted.

Report of New England home secretary, was read by Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, and accepted.

Report of Western children's secretary was read by Mrs. A. B. Webber, and accepted.

Resolutions offered by Miss DeMeritte and a letter from Mr. H. S. Myers were referred to the resolutions committee.

Voted, That the remaining reports be deferred till to-morrow evening.

After an intermission of ten minutes a sand-map of Balasore was presented by Mrs. Nellie Wade Whitcomb.

Adjourned to 7.30 P. M.

7.30 P. M. Session opened with music by the quartet of the church. Prayer was offered by Mrs. M. R. Wade of Maine.

A cordial welcome was given by Mrs. G. F. Owen, president of the local auxiliary.

Rev. Lewis Malvern, pastor of the church, welcomed us to the beautiful city of Portland and to the church. The response was given by Mrs. E. H. Andrews of Rhode Island.

The following delegates were then presented: Mrs. A. B. Webber brought greetings from the Maine Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Jennie R. Smith from the same state. Mrs. A. E. Wilson represented the women of Massachusetts.

The president's address was presented. Solo was rendered by Mrs. F. H. Dunton.

Report of the corresponding secretary was read and approved. Collection followed.

The silver necklet was presented to the state society giving the most according to membership, and Rhode Island received the honor. Mrs. E. H. Andrews, its president, accepted the necklet with appropriate remarks.

Closed with singing by the congregation and benediction by pastor of church.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. Thursday.

9. A. M. Session opened with prayer by Mrs. M. S. Getchell of New Hampshire. Records of previous meetings were read and approved. According to vote the unfinished program of the previous day was continued.

Report of the publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER was read and after discussion adopted.

Report of the editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER was accepted.

Voted, That the election of officers be deferred till 10 45.

Voted, That the assignment of the necklet for the next year be on the basis of two thirds of the membership of the state as reported in the "Year Book."

The report of the nominating committee was received and officers elected by ballot. (See page 359.)

Voted, That, if a vacancy occur on the finance committee, it be filled by the executive committee.

Report of the children's secretary for the East was read and accepted.

Voted, That in preparing reports for the HELPER the editor be allowed to select what is most helpful for its columns.

Voted, That the reports be published in the December HELPER and bills paid by the society.

Voted, That Miss Belle Wilson be asked to bring the matter concerning a

secretary for children's work in Massachusetts before the association, and see that such a secretary is appointed.

Adjourned to 2 P. M.

2 P. M. Session opened with a song service and prayer by Mrs. S. C. G. Avery.

Records of last meeting were read and approved.

Voted, That the Woman's Missionary Society continue auxiliary to the National Council of Women. The following resolutions were presented by Mrs. C. A. Ricker, chairman of committee. *Voted to consider item by item* :

I. As two of the greatest needs in order to arouse an interest in missionary work are knowledge of the condition of heathen nations and a love for the world, and as a wide-awake spiritual woman's missionary society is an education along this line; therefore, *resolved*:

First, that the working motto of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society for the coming year be "Organize; Educate; Spiritualize."

Second, that the executive committee be instructed to prepare a leaflet on "How to organize," setting forth the importance of auxiliaries as educators along denominational missionary lines, and including constitutions from the Manual, with any changes that the times require. This leaflet to be printed for gratuitous circulation and at the expense of the society by the publication committee, and to be sent by the executive committee to an officer in each state, with a letter of appeal, urging the state officers to supply themselves with this leaflet, and to send them to some responsible woman in each church, where there is no auxiliary, asking her to organize; also this leaflet shall be widely advertised, through the MISSIONARY HELPER, inviting women who are interested in organizing to secure copies from the literature department.

Third, that we urge auxiliaries of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society to hold regularly the monthly meeting, carrying out the monthly program in the MISSIONARY HELPER, laying special stress on prayer, membership, denominational, and thank-offering services, the two last being public serviees if possible; to annually canvass the church for new members; to collect dues each quarter and send promptly to the treasury; to emphasize the need of an abiding confidence in God in all that is done, and to make the meetings so interesting and helpful that young and old alike will be glad to attend; to encourage the use of the reading course, and strive to increase the circulation of the MISSIONARY HELPER, *Morning Star*, and *Free Baptist* through the entire church.

II. Whereas the work of junior societies, including children's bands, deserves painstaking care on the part of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society; therefore, *resolved*:

That our children's secretaries, including the cradle-roll, be instructed to furnish an article the coming year, for the MISSIONARY HELPER, on the general needs of their several departments, and one article to the *Morning Star* and *Free Baptist*, and in addition short items of news regarding junior societies, mission bands, and cradle-rolls, as frequently as possible, for the junior department of the MISSIONARY HELPER.

That the secretaries keep in touch with the junior societies of the United Society of Young People co-operating with it in promoting mission intelligence and interest; and that as far as possible the secretaries communicate with yearly meetings and quarterly meetings, either by letter or personal attendance, presenting the needs of the children's work.

That auxiliaries interest themselves in children's work, endeavoring to secure the services of one of the children's secretaries in public meetings, particularly a quarterly or yearly meeting, and reporting the children's work, including the cradle-roll meeting, in short, bright items to the editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER.

III. Whereas the growing interest of F. B. young people in denominational work is a matter of

profound thankfulness on the part of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society, whose interest in them from the cradle to mature years is so practical; therefore, *resolved*:

First, that we authorize our children's secretaries to co-operate with the United Society of F. B. Young People in organizing junior societies, and that mission bands be changed to junior societies wherever there are senior societies.

Second, that the name of the local junior society (A. C. F. or C. E.) be determined by local conditions. That we request the United Society of F. B. Young People to continue to co-operate through their junior superintendent and directors of junior societies with our children's secretaries and directors of mission bands, in establishing and maintaining the mission work among the children. That we have been pleased to note, in appeal for funds to junior societies by the United Society of Young People, the recognition of the salaries of both the principal of Storer college and Miss Emilie E. Barnes, the children's missionary; and we wish to reciprocate the same in our appeals to children's organizations to support the children's missionary in India and the principal of Storer college in America.

IV. That the executive committee be instructed to prepare at an early day a letter containing actions of special importance, taken at their annual meeting; such particularly as concern state, Q. M., and local auxiliary work, and to duplicate it to the general officers of the state woman's missionary societies.

V. *Resolved* That we urge our quarterly meeting officers to appoint some person in each of their churches who shall gather the interesting items in connection with their local work and send the same to the editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER.

VI. *Resolved*, That we urge the state woman's mission societies to use their influence with quarterly meetings to secure quarterly meeting agents for the MISSIONARY HELPER in consultation with the state agent.

VII. Whereas the kindergarten work has a growing hold upon our mission in India, and is now recognized by the government of Bengal as a necessary part of the education of children: therefore, *resolved*:

That we express our appreciation of the hearty support given by the young people and children of Rhode Island to this department of work, and look for their continued loyalty to it, with firm belief that the future of kindergarten work will warrant their continued support.

VIII. *Resolved*, That hereafter the committee on resolutions shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, and that the chairman of said committee shall, at least two months before the annual meeting, request, through the MISSIONARY HELPER, resolutions to be forwarded to her for consideration.

IX. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our sincere thanks for the valuable aid of Miss Kate J. Anthony to this society, and hope her interest and prayers will follow the literature department in the future.

X. Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call home our veteran workers of the two fields, Doreas F. Smith of India and Julia A. Lowell of America, together with several widely beloved state workers and many faithful members of the local auxiliaries; therefore, *resolved*, that we express our gratitude for the beautiful years of their lives, not merely in words but also in such deeds as their own devoted service would inspire, and that we renew our consecration to the work which they have let fall, and which God now calls us to do.

XI. Whereas the woman's auxiliary of the Portland Free Baptist church has been most generous and cordial in its reception and entertainment of the delegates and friends to the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society; and whereas the pastor and other members of the church have extended to us every possible courtesy; therefore, *resolved*, that we do most heartily proffer to these friends our sincere thanks and heartfelt wishes for their future prosperity in all the work of this church and parish.

MRS. C. A. RICKER,
MRS. M. G. OSGOOD, } Committee.
MRS. A. C. HAYES,

Voted, To adopt resolutions.

Voted, That a copy of the kindergarten resolution be sent to the Rhode Island young people's society.

Voted, That a copy of the resolution pertaining to children's work be sent to the secretary of the United Society of Young People.

"Mission Echoes" were then presented as programed.

Voted, That the president name a committee on resolutions this evening for next year.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

7:30 P. M. Session opened with anthem by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Lewis Malvern.

Records of last meeting were approved.

The following committee on resolutions was appointed : Mrs. M. S. Getchell, Mrs. M. S. Waterman, Mrs. Mary F. Owen.

Report of the cradle-roll department was read by Miss Nellsine Aagerson, and adopted.

Singing by the children. Address, "Children in Mission Work," Mrs. J. M. Hooper. Address, "Twentieth Century Christians," Prof. H. R. Purinton, Bates college. Solo, Mrs. M. F. Buzzell. Collection. Benediction by pastor. Adjourned.

Alice M. Metcalf, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

(*Mrs. S. C. G. Avery*)

THE year just closed has brought to us much that is encouraging, some things that test our faith and patience, and some experiences that make the heart ache with its sense of loneliness and loss. The heaviest blow fell on the mission in India last February when Sister Dorcas Smith went to heaven. Her life has been given to India. It is to her keen foresight, sound judgment, together with her rare executive ability, that we owe much of the success that has attended our work there. Words fail when we try to tell the many ways in which she is missed.

Our missionaries in India continue working far beyond their strength and at the same time suffer the depression that comes from seeing so many crying needs which they are powerless to relieve. If those who "hold the ropes" could realize the folly of keeping their representatives in this trying position they would with united prayer and effort fill the treasury to the overflow, double and triple the force in India, and cheer our workers at Harper's Ferry by furnishing the equipments needed to make Storer college the power for good it might become not only in the Shenandoah valley but throughout the South.

INDIA FIELD.

BALASORE.

Missionaries : Miss Hattie Phillips, Miss J. J. Scott, Miss L. E. Gaunce.

Since our last report the Rhode Island Kindergarten building, in Balasore, has been completed, and is to-day a pleasant, comfortable hall, 18 x 50 feet, with thatched roof, cloth ceiling, eight new, strong doors, and good door frames. Here Miss Hattie Phillips daily gathers her little ones. She has had this work for two years, and has seen the members increase from twelve to more than forty. The outfit that Miss Beebee Phillips took to India was intended for only two dozen children, so her aunt, Miss Hattie, had nice little tables, and benches not so nice, made from packing boxes, etc., to accommodate another dozen ; but when the fourth dozen began to fill in she had three long, thick mats made to order, which have proved invaluable in making it possible to distribute the classes about the room. The size of the room makes it impossible to have the games usually connected with kindergarten work, so they are obliged to content themselves with physical exercises, marching, and the like, which is less disappointing to the children than if they knew the possibilities of a large playroom. The walls are adorned with at least fifty pictures. Nearly all being distinctly children's pictures, they are very helpful in cultivating language, as most of the children are inclined to answer questions in monosyllables. There is a very gratifying advance noticeable in many of these little ones. They are as a rule kind and gentle toward each other, and patient, untiring effort has seemed to nearly root out deliberate falsehood from among them.

Miss Hattie has charge of the infant department of the S. S. in Balasore, where during the past year she has had an average attendance of thirty-two and a half. She makes regular attendance there a condition of membership in the kindergarten. This requirement has cut off one or two, but on the whole has proved a blessing to the school. At present she has three pupil teachers on pay and one without. The children are very fond of them and speak of them as *deedee*, elder sister. Four days in the week they come for at least one hour a day for instruction and to help in preparing work for the little ones.

In December Miss Hattie was greatly surprised, while attending the W. C. T. U. in Madras, to find educational work in that presidency so advanced that the government curriculum, even among Hindus, includes kindergarten work, while in Bengal we are just beginning to give it to our Christian children.

During a large part of the year Miss Hattie has been unable to visit the Hindu schools nominally under her care more than once a month. She has recently revived a Sunday school in connection with one of her Hindu schools, and has an average attendance of forty. The removal of "that tower of strength to

our woman's work," dear Mrs. Smith, has laid on Miss Hattie's shoulders the care of the Christian girls' school, temporarily the care of Sinclair Orphanage property, and the position of secretary and treasurer of our society in India. When we remember that she is editor of *The White Ribbon*, the monthly paper of the Indian W. C. T. U., it will not be thought strange that she finds her hands so full that she has been unable to get proper grasp of all the lines of work.

Miss Scott has found work in abundance in her department. The past year has brought many changes. New missionaries have come into the field, while the one to whom so many looked for counsel and cheer has passed "within the veil." Her last work was the building of the Dorcas Smith Widows' Home; which, though she was not spared to see it occupied, is left a memorial of her. The women now in the Home have helped a great deal with the work of completing the Home and other buildings connected with it; now other sources of employment must be found for them.

The zenana work has gone steadily on with the same teachers as last year. Besides the regular Bible lesson, tracts are left in every house, and, where the people cannot read for themselves, are explained by the teachers. A tract, entitled "He Died for Me," was given to a young woman some time ago; the white ants, one of India's greatest pests, destroyed it one night, and, as she was much impressed with the reading of it, she was greatly distressed over her loss until Miss Scott found her a similar one. The teachers' class keeps up in numbers and interest. The woman's missionary meeting has been helpful to quite a number during the year. They have gained a peep at missionary work in most countries, not forgetting work with the Jews. Through a large Sunday-school class attended chiefly by young married women of the Christian community, and by frequent visits to the sick in the Christian villages, Miss Scott keeps in touch with the home life of the families, giving help and encouragement so much needed, living as they do in the midst of surroundings and temptations that are far from helpful in building Christian character. In closing her report Miss Scott expresses heartfelt thanks to all, who by their labors, prayers, money, and letters do so much to strengthen the hands and cheer the hearts of our sisters across the sea. Though they may never see this field of labor with their bodily eyes, yet they may see many of the results when they sit down together in that kingdom into which shall be gathered "a multitude that no man can number out of every nation and kindred and tongue and people."

When our beloved Mrs. Smith, so many years the faithful and efficient superintendent of Sinclair Orphanage and a real mother to the many girls under her care, was transferred to the mansions above, Miss Gounce, who for several months had ably assisted Mrs. Smith, consented with the permission of the F. B.

W. M. S. Board of New Brunswick to assume full charge of the Orphanage for at least this year. Reports from the field bring gratifying assurance that she has proved her fitness for the place, and it is earnestly hoped that her Board may be willing for her to continue in that position for the remainder of her term. There are now forty girls in the Orphanage. During the year one has died, two have married, and three have returned to their friends. The general health of the children has been good, and a spirit of helpfulness and kindness pervades the school. Every morning and evening prayers are conducted, generally by one of the elder girls. The scripture reading for morning prayers is the Sunday-school subject for the following Sunday. This is studied by all, even the little tots are expected to tell something about the lesson and memorize the golden text. During the year a C. E. Society, which meets Tuesday evening, was organized for the older girls, and on Thursday evening all go for prayer meeting to Miss Gaunce's room. Five have been baptized and there is reason to expect others will soon be ready to publicly acknowledge Christ as their Saviour. There is a regular study hour in the morning and one in the evening during term-time for all the children. At the last vernacular examination one girl passed who is now employed as teacher in the girls' school. Three girls passed the upper primary examination, two being in the first division; and four passed the lower primary examination, all in the first division. At present three of the girls are employed as teachers and are self-supporting. The girls do their own cooking, keep the house and yard clean, and make most of their own clothes. Kusuma, the youngest of the family of girls, is two and a half years and the pet of the whole school.

Miss Gaunce speaks in the highest terms of Rachel Das, saying she is beloved by the girls and her influence over them is most excellent. She is a person to be greatly prized. In her work with the girls Miss Gaunce has learned to love them, not because it was her duty, but for themselves; and prays God to bless each one, from the oldest to the youngest, trusting that when he comes for his own they may be found among those who sit down with him in his kingdom. Last year the Bible women studied the Blakeslee Lessons on the apostolic church and passed their examination. They are now studying the life of Christ.

On account of the Orphanage Miss Gaunce has been obliged to give up her work in the Hindu villages with the Bible women. There are at present eight Bible women, supported as follows: four by the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission of London, two by the F. B. W. M. S. of the U. S.; and two by the F. B. W. M. S. of New Brunswick. In the cold season two of the women spent four weeks in the country, going from village to village and from house to house, explaining and teaching the word. Meriam reports that from July 1, '98, to May

1, '99, she visited 152 villages, entered 392 houses, and spoke to 7416 people. The women say there has been a marked change among many of the Hindu women during the past six years. Several in secret have accepted Christianity, and in other Hindu homes the women regularly ask them to have prayers, not with one or two of the household but with all the women.

In Bhudruck Miss Barnes, the missionary supported by the children, lives. She says the Christian community is small, and some who have professed Christianity have caused trouble and sorrow, and dishonored the Lord by a wrong use of the tongue. Notwithstanding the care exercised, in India as at home, some become church members who do not give evidence in their lives of a changed heart. In the day school two girls passed the government lower primary examination, so they now have an upper primary class. Last September they made a new rule to take a monthly fee from each pupil of two pice, about one cent, and a few of the girls stopped coming on account of this fee. Their parents said, "What good will an education do them? They will soon be married and go to their father-in-law's house, where their work will only be to cook and keep house." It is easier to get the fee for the boys. One man sends an adopted son, a mite of a boy, not that he may read and write, but because he will learn to speak and act politely. The beginners are taught sewing and knitting by the Christian teacher. Bible and temperance instruction are given. Nearly all the scholars are Hindus. At morning prayers they sing and read the scripture portions selected by the International Bible Reading Association bearing on the Sunday-school lessons. No one seems more interested in the Bible reading than the Hindu pundit. In the Sunday school nearly all the children are little Hindus, about the same as attend the day school. The first Sunday of the month a collection is taken, and three rupees have been sent toward the support of a famine orphan. They have also been paying for Sunday-school helps. The first Sunday of each month, at the close of the school, a Bible picture-card is given to all present. The pupils learn the golden text in the day school, and receive prizes for attending Sunday school regularly for six months. It has worked well to appoint one pupil at the close of the school to tell that day's lesson at the opening of the school on the following Sunday. The work of the Bible women has been regularly continued. They, with Miss Barnes, have worked in many villages, and visited two jatras (fairs) some distance from Bhudruck, and sold many little books and tracts. The people call them Jesus Christ books. By this means the gospel story enters many homes. One day, in a village where the Bible women were working, a man came with the Gospel of John in his hand and said, "I bought this at the market, and have read it from beginning to end. I don't understand it at all; please explain some places to me. I'm in the jungle,

and don't know the way, but you do." So faithful Rutnie explained the verse, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," while others stood by listening. Thus the message of Christ's great love reaches many hearts of those who read these little one pice books. A willing, earnest, faithful Bible woman is a worker for whom it is well worth using twenty-five dollars a year of missionary money.

The W. M. S. holds interesting monthly meetings, the native sisters taking turns in leading them. They often use the Bible readings and suggestions from the MISSIONARY HELPER, also selections from an Oriya and Bengali magazine. Of the eight members two new ones are girls. Last year in July they voted three rupees two annas of the monthly dues should be given for tracts to be used in and around Bhudruck.

At the new railroad station, three miles from Bhudruck, are employed quite a number of English-speaking people. April 4 an English service was begun there, and our new missionary, Mr. Louther, came from Balasore and had the privilege of preaching the first sermon. The station master gave his house for the service. This new work should have your prayers. A native man from the station, who is very well spoken of, is now coming to the Oriya service, and seems earnest in his desire to be a Christian, and has requested baptism. Bhudruck is an excellent center to work out from among the heathen, as there are so many villages on all sides. The amount of work is only limited by the paucity of workers.

Mrs. Coldren reports that for most of the time during the past year she has had four Bible women at work in and about Chandbali, also one woman school teacher. One of these Bible women was sent by Mrs. Smith, and paid by Mrs. Smith's special fund for Bible women. She returned to Balasore in March. Last May one of the Christian families was stationed in a village five miles away. The wife does Bible work there, so that leaves but two Bible women in Chandbali. In the new out-station they have meeting and Sunday school on Sundays in the schoolhouse. Two years ago one man was converted there, and, as his wife was willing to live with him, he has lived in his home ever since. The teacher of the girls' school has been doing good work. Four of her girls last year took the government examination, and all passed. One did so well that she received a scholarship of two rupees per month for two years. She is now studying in the Balasore school. The teacher also received rupees twenty-four in reward for the passing of the four girls. All the Christian pupils remove to other places in the cold season, leaving only children from Hindu families.

MIDNAPORE.

Missionaries : Dr. Mary Bacheler, Miss L. C. Coombs, Miss Ella M. Butts.

Dr. Mary Bacheler has been doing much the same work as in former years.

During nine months the dispensary was open 208 days, and the total number of patients for the same length of time is 2,341. Hindus, Mohammedans, Santals, and Christians have come for treatment. Many tracts have been given away and a few copies of the gospel story sold.

The number of pupils in the zenanas under Miss Coombs's care has increased, owing partly to new work opened in a village about twenty-five miles from Midnapore, where a former teacher went to live after her marriage, making it possible to give them a teacher, which they had long asked for. The zenana school connected with this work, made up of girls who would not be allowed to attend a public school, is a joy every time visited; the girls are so bright and appreciative, their memory of their Sunday school lessons and interest in their Bible lessons so refreshing, and the singing of the hymns they have learned so sweet. One day in looking over the hymn-book among themselves they came to the hymn:

"O, how long till thy kingdom come?
Leave us not in boundless sorrow."

It goes on to express longing for the time when idols shall be things of the past, and the kingdom of love set up. They wanted the teacher to teach it to them, and insisted until she taught them so they could sing it to Miss Coombs when she visited them. They openly laugh at those who bring offerings to the stone idol under a tree near their school. The same Hindu widow spoken of in former reports is still assistant teacher in this school. A Mohammedan family moved into Midnapore who wanted a teacher sent them. But when they found the catechism must be taught with the secular studies they hesitated. After many consultations among themselves and conversing with Miss Coombs they decided to risk it, and one of the best teachers was sent. Although they stayed but five or six months those four young women made rapid progress and became intensely interested in the catechism they had so much feared. Miss Coombs has pupils this past year in two houses of the very wealthy families of Midnapore, who formerly would allow no Christian teaching in their homes, but public sentiment in high circles is so strong in favor of brides who can read that they consent to have Christianity taught their girls, in order to have them taught secular studies at the same time. Just now one young wife is in great perplexity, because her husband, being convinced of the truth of Christianity, wants to be baptized. She too believes that to be the truth, and is almost willing to be baptized, but it is such an utter crossing of the rubicon that she hesitates.

The boys' school has been raised to the middle English grade, causing an increase of teachers and a consequent increase in expenditure. It has been understood that when this was done fees would be charged, and it was thought

this would cause a decrease in numbers, but the opposite has been true. The fathers of our Christian families said, "We'll be glad to pay fees and keep our boys out of Hindu schools; we should have to pay fees there." It is hoped an advanced increase grant may be received from government to meet the extra expense. One boy from this school passed the middle English examination this year. In the Bible examinations several Hindu boys passed creditably with the Christians.

The ragged schools have been disappointing this year because so many of the teachers were unsatisfactory. There have been fifteen schools and about three hundred pupils. Of the teachers six were Christian and nine Hindu. Of the latter three have been dismissed, so we now have twelve ragged schools. Twenty five pupils have taken their examinations in the catechism this year and received their prizes. They will now take up the study of the temperance catechism. These schools, with the boys' school, have passed into Miss Butts's care as formerly.

Miss Coombs felt disappointed because she was unable to do cold-season work in the country this last winter. In the hot-season vacation she went to Contai for about twenty days with Miss Landes and her preacher. The preacher worked faithfully all the while they were there, and after a week's rest there were so many calls for work they tried to do what they could. She has also been in villages from twenty to twenty-five miles away, for a few days at a time, to examine schools.

It has caused much anxious thought to know how best to hold the older boys of the Band of Hope, who are too old to be with the children, while there is no intermediate society in which to gather them. There has been a division of feeling in the church, which has affected the C. E. society and the W. C. T. U. meetings, but the Sunday school has held its own and the women have kept up their monthly contribution of rice to carry on mission work.

Miss Butts arrived in Calcutta Jan. 4. She at once went to the home of the Woman's Zenana Mission of America, and for more than a month assisted in the care of our sainted sister, Mrs. Smith. Although those weeks were the most trying of her life, she writes she is not one bit the worse, but is very well and has stepped into her place in the work. She has been there so little time there is not much to report. She took up her former work in the Bible school, which opened the 1st of March. This is an English class for young men, and a Bible class and class for general instruction for their wives. There are six of these young women, one of whom came not six months ago from the ignorance and superstition of a heathen Santal home. At first this girl did not want to try to learn to read, but she is beginning in earnest now. One of the women who can

read teaches her, and Miss Butts examines her every week to see how she is getting on. The two years she was home in America made almost an entire change in the girls' school. A few remembered her, and welcomed her back, but the older girls had all been married. Those who were married before she went home, having reached the mature age of twelve, had gone to live with their husbands.

Miss Butts has just taken on a girls' school which has been aided by the Church Mission Society; i. e., church of England. They had given up aiding schools in Midnapore, but this is such an interesting school she could not bear to lose the chance of trying to have some influence for good exerted on these bright little girls. The pupils pay fees amounting to about one hundred dollars per month for the whole number, thirty-five at present. There is a government grant of seven rupees a month, given on condition that the total expenses of the school shall not be less than rupees twenty. There are some who object to educating girls of India, because they are married so young they can at best get only a little learning, claiming that the little they acquire is apt to make them conceited, bold, lazy, and disobedient. Still another objection urged is that the ability to write gives them an opportunity to communicate, which is often used for evil purposes. While all this may sometimes be true, it is firmly believed by the missionaries that far more girls are made better in character by what they learn in mission schools than are made worse. The principle is the same everywhere, "Education of the head without moral or heart education only increases the capacity for evil if there are natural tendencies to evil."

STORER COLLEGE ; HARPER'S FERRY.

Miss Ella V. Smith reports a profitable and prosperous school year. Beside the state fund, which enables them to furnish free text-books and tuition to forty students from the state of West Virginia, several friends donated scholarships for the year, thus enabling several young men and women to stay in school who could not otherwise have done so. It is hoped that in the future God will send many such friends, for there are scores of worthy young men and women throughout the country who would be in school if they could afford it. The classes in physiology, zoölogy, and botany greatly need a good microscope to enable them to thoroughly examine the objects brought before them for study. Is there not some benevolent friend who hearing of this need feels called to supply it? While steady improvement is seen in most of the pupils, each year brings some with whom the results are unsatisfactory. But the teacher is comforted by the thought, that, if she faithfully does the sowing, God himself will care for the harvest.

Miss Stella James began her work at Storer, September, '98. She had the preparatory students in geography; the junior year normal in geometry, physics, and chemistry; the senior year normal in higher algebra, and two classes in printing. The classes did good work. As far as possible, in chemistry and physics, the study was aided by experimental and personal investigation, but the apparatus for work in these departments is very limited, making it impossible to do as much practical work as is desirable.

During the winter and spring Miss James met the young ladies of Myrtle Hall for an hour Sunday afternoon for Bible study. The meetings were well attended and all felt benefited. This summer Miss James visited several towns in Maryland and Virginia, canvassing for students. She saw the great need of mission work in the large towns and of an educated ministry. Knowing the influences and surrounding from which most come to Storer, and the short time they are under the school's influence, there is every reason to be encouraged and thankful that so many steadily climb upward. Among those who are eager for knowledge and truth, some will be noble, efficient men and women. In the classroom and out of it one can only "labor and wait."

The classes taught by Miss Claire Sands varied from six to thirty-eight members. Although the new ranking system raised the standard of scholarship, in most cases the increased demand was well met. A debate by the advanced composition class, stories written by the language class on pictures given each member, sight translations in Cæsar, and oral reproductions of required readings by each of the seven classes, constitute some of the best work of the year. As an experiment the library was opened an hour a day and a reading table was established. The students appreciated the change and showed a marked increase of interest in reading. A hundred and fifty volumes presented by the Pratt Public Library of Baltimore, a new encyclopedia, a set of Irving, and several excellent private collections and separate volumes have been valuable gifts. A fine new table was the highly prized gift of the carpentry class. Included in Miss Sands's work was the oversight of the twenty commencement orations. In these the hard study and enthusiasm on the part of the students was highly commendable and a source of great pleasure to the instructor. Throughout the year the quick responsiveness to suggestions, the unfailing attention and obedience, has been a constant source of inspiration to greater effort and more consecrated service.

Miss M. J. Baker, teacher of domestic science, writes, "Myrtle Hall filled up so rapidly at the beginning of the school year that they began to wonder where they should room all the late arrivals who usually come in after the holidays; but with Sinclair cottage to fall back upon they were able to fill all applications for rooms. The health of the girls has been uniformly good. The

grip made its appearance early in the winter term, but in a mild form. In February a reported case of smallpox in the adjoining corporation made it necessary to require the students to be vaccinated. During the Christmas holidays the girls' club-room was repaired and put in good order. A new floor was laid, walls and ceiling whitened, woodwork painted, new lights put in the doors, adding greatly to the comfort and pleasure of the girls. Since anniversary the various buildings and the grounds have been fitted with electric lights, which promise to be a great improvement over the old method of lighting. The girls' club not only prospered the past year but nearly doubled its members under the careful management of the matron, Miss M. V. Brown, whose faithful discharge of her duties in the hall and sisterly interest in the girls are highly appreciated. In classwork the number of young ladies studying cookery averaged about the same as other years. In the sewing room the number in classes was less than usual, owing to the extending of the normal work, which threw so many of the students out of grade that the classes could not be arranged. Doubtless during the coming year this will be adjusted. Attention is called to the Dexter Library in Myrtle Hall sitting-room. The small collection of books has been read and reread, and there is great need of new books. It is hoped the friends of the school will make an effort to send magazines, papers, and books for the study-room table very soon."

Mrs. Lightner reports that her work the past year has been principally in the normal department. All her classes were large, ranging from twenty-five to forty in number. The four morning classes aggregated one hundred and twenty-four. Just what it means to come into close contact with so many different minds can only be understood by teachers. The psychological part is deeply interesting, exhilarating, while it goes on, but often, when the noon bell has sounded and the teacher sits gasping for breath, she wonders if the pupils have not taught her more than she has been able to impart herself. It has been noted that the number of pupils is not so large as formerly. This is not true of the normal department. It is true of the preparatory, for the following reasons: (1) the large number of free schools taught by Storer's graduates; (2) excluding children under thirteen years of age (this step in the school district of Harper's Ferry and Bolivar has made room for two of Storer's graduates); (3) the opening of two normal schools in West Virginia; (4) a new industrial school in Virginia. Considering these facts the wonder is that Storer has so nearly held her average attendance up to that of the early days. There was no graduating class this year because the course of study had been extended to correspond with the other normal schools of the state. The uniform ranking system introduced by Prof. Osgood has been faithfully followed in grading the classes, and will it is hoped

improve the scholarship and stimulate the energy of the pupils. While the area from which we draw pupils is diminishing, the radius over which the former students are found has multiplied manyfold. Testimonies come in from many states of those who owe their success in life to the instruction and discipline they received in this school. Yet the work of Storer college is only begun. "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." May the new workers find that the glory of the latter state is greater than that of the former.

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES.

[*Mrs. Ella Evans Stanton for New England.*]

WE follow the story of the state work with interest, although the outline in some cases is so meager. May everything gained during the year encourage each worker to press on to an even higher mark; and may possible losses, or seeming failures, only stimulate to greater activity in the year to come.

MAINE.

President, Mrs. Alma Cousins, Steep Falls; recording secretary, Miss Clara Purinton, West Bowdoin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary E. White, Bowdoinham; treasurer, Mrs. Flora T. Thurlough, Fort Fairfield; *HELPER* agent, Mrs. Jennie Greenleaf, North Berwick; field agents, presidents of quarterly meeting and conference auxiliaries; literature committee, Mrs. Jennie M. Randlett, Pittsfield; advisory, Mrs. Mary R. Wade, Ocean Park.

The general work of our Maine state society has been carried on with some degree of success. One new auxiliary has been organized. New members have been added to auxiliaries in some Q. Ms. and conferences. Other auxiliaries have lost in membership by death and removal. We have seventeen Q. Ms. and conferences. In all but three of them our work is represented in some form of organization, either as Q. M. auxiliaries in the small Q. Ms., or as local auxiliaries in the churches of the larger conferences. We have reported fifty five auxiliaries with a membership of more than seven hundred and sixty-four.

The apportionments for the Q. Ms. were not made on the basis of \$2000, as in previous years, as many of the presidents and other officers thought it not wise to set the standard too high. Some of the Q. Ms. and conferences have exceeded their apportionment, others have fallen short. We have paid to our general treasurer \$1746. The amount would have exceeded \$1800 had there not been a failure in several instances of paying into the state treasury money that was raised before Aug. 31, 1899. This may serve as a nest-egg for the receipts of the coming year.

Forty-four dollars eighty-two cents have been contributed for the incidental

expenses. This is a part of our work that is not well understood, and much difficulty is experienced in raising this little. It is hoped that new methods may be devised to increase our receipts for this very important department of our work.

Our three field agents report some good work done, but they have not received many invitations for assistance in their several districts, and the lack of money in the treasury for this special line of service hinders their usefulness.

Our state agent, Mrs. Greenleaf, reports seven hundred and forty HELPERS now taken. This is forty seven less than in 1898, and thirty one less than in 1897. Much of this falling off is due to the dropping of the names of subscribers who were in arrears. Mrs. Greenleaf's ambition is to raise the list of subscribers to 1000, and she still hopes to do so.

Our secretary of children's work, Mrs. Ada B. George, has done much hard work and with highly commendable success. She has corresponded successfully with churches and auxiliaries, and secured secretaries and helpers in nearly all of the Q. M's and conferences. The cradle-roll has received special attention from her hand and heart. She is also the mother of the youngest member of our state cradle-roll. Her babe being enrolled the day of its birth, Mrs. George has received reports from twenty-four organizations of children and seventeen shares taken in Miss Barnes's salary.

Our literature committee has done faithful work with the literature furnished her. We hope another year that her desire to be more useful may be gratified by the society's furnishing her with more material.

The removal of Mrs. Webber, our loved president, from our midst to the state of New Hampshire has caused sadness in all our hearts. Her faithful service for nine years, seven of them as state secretary and the remaining two as president, has made her of invaluable worth, and we shall ever cherish precious memories of her unselfish labor of love and consecration. We realize that our loss is New Hampshire's gain, and in this thought only are we reconciled. We were also very sorry to receive the news of the continued ill-health of our faithful and efficient treasurer, Miss Nellie B. Jordan. She has our loving sympathy, and we earnestly hope that she may soon be restored to her usual health.

MARY E. WHITE, *for Cor. Sec.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

President, Mrs. M. S. Getchell, Lakeport; vice-president at large, Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, Alton; recording secretary, Miss Ella C. Hurd, East Manchester; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. J. Baker, Northwood (was elected but Mrs. M. G. Osgood, Littleton, fills the vacancy caused by Mrs. Baker's removal from state); treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Scribner, Gossville; auditor, Miss Belle Carr, Pitts-

field ; children's secretary, Mrs. Fannie Manter, Rochester ; **HELPER** agent, Mrs. M. G. Osgood, Littleton.

The corresponding secretary in her annual report in June reported a numerical gain of four auxiliaries. Amount of money raised \$1622.60. The report of the **HELPER** agent showed an increase in number of **HELPERS** taken, and it was resolved that each subscriber present at annual meeting become responsible for at least one more subscription, that the apportionment of six hundred be fully met in the coming year.

The secretary of children's work has the work systematized for greater efficiency. The results of the thank-offering meetings have been better than in any previous year. Though we sorrow for our loss in the "promotion" of some of our faithful workers, especially our treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Blake Keith, who was giving the fresh enthusiasm of her youth with earnest consecration to service, we go forth still trusting Him who has so richly blessed past efforts and whose promise faileth never.

M. G. OSGOOD, *Cor. Sec.*

VERMONT.

During the past year our beloved missionary, Mrs. Dorcas Smith, has gone to her reward, and Vermont has assumed the support of Miss Shirley Smith, who will go to India next fall as a medical missionary. The following is only a partial report, as I have not been able to get full returns from the churches. The Strafford and Corinth Q. Ms. have united, to be known henceforth as the Orange County Association.

ASSO.	SEC.	CHURCHES.	AUX.	HELPERS TAKEN.
Orange Co.,	Mrs. C. Dickey,	8	7	33
Huntington,	Mrs. J. R. Franklin,	7	1	13
Wheelock,	Mrs. G. C. Waterman,	17	6	49

Receipts reported, \$357.23.

The Wheelock Association reports three children's bands with a membership of forty-three, also children's meetings under other names. Huntington reports one with eighteen members. There are others but they have not reported. This is my first year as secretary. Will try to do better next year.

[MRS.] J. L. BARRETT, *Sec.*

MASSACHUSETTS.

The woman's missionary auxiliary of the Massachusetts Association has been quietly pursuing its usual course, arranging helpful and interesting programs for its meetings and keeping its business well in hand. Full reports from our churches and auxiliaries have failed to reach me, but I judge the work is progressing. The general financial depression has had its effect among our churches, but with an increasing volume of business we confidently expect a more hopeful outlook for the future.

Out of seventeen churches in our association I received reports from six auxiliaries and five churches with no auxiliaries. The Paige St. and Chelmsford St. of Lowell, Lynn (High St.), Haverhill, Somerville, and Amesbury auxiliaries, report good membership in working order. The thank-offering service was observed in four churches with auxiliaries, Paige St. (Lowell), Haverhill, Amesbury, and Somerville; also Chelsea church with no auxiliary. Melrose Highlands, Whitman, Lawrence, and Middlesex St. (Lowell) churches contributed to the auxiliaries: as also did Rockport and South Walpole, with no church or auxiliary, as follows:

Paige St. (Lowell) aux.	\$64.91	Chelsea church	11.25
Chelmsford St. (Lowell) aux.	37.50	Somerville church aux.	15.50
Middlesex St. church	2.21	South Walpole	10.00
Lawrence church	4.00	Rockport	5.00
Melrose Highlands church	6.00	Collections at association	27.82
Whitman church	10.00	Friends	2.00
Lynn (High St.) church aux.	12.50		
Haverhill church aux.	70.50		\$285.19
Amesbury church aux.	6.00		

Miss Etta Pierce, *HELPER* agent, reports one hundred and twenty-four *HELPERS* taken in the association. I cannot think this is a full report, as some of our churches and auxiliaries have none accredited to them. I trust that greater things are in store for us as the result of faithful well-doing.

EMILY H. PAGE, *Cor. Sec.*

RHODE ISLAND.

President, Mrs. Ella H. Andrews, Providence; corresponding secretary, Miss Lena S. Fenner, 127 Cranston St., Providence.

The assignments to the several auxiliaries were sent out in the usual form, and prompt returns were received from each, and acceptance of the work assigned. In nearly every auxiliary the full assignment has been raised, the sum-total exceeding the amount raised last year by \$100.

The indications through the year have been that of an earnest desire on the part of the auxiliaries to advance. Several have reported an unusual interest in the monthly meetings.

The thank-offering was observed in ten churches, the amount of offering was \$149.

We have been pleased to welcome to our public meetings several new workers, and have been encouraged by their presence and assistance. We need ever to be on the alert for new helpers in our work, not alone to relieve those who have been bearing the burdens, but also to bring to us fresh inspiration and new methods. We look forward hopefully to the coming year, ever remembering that "faith and works win."

Churches	31	MISSIONARY HELPERS taken	271
Auxiliaries	14	Cradle-rolls	3
Members	340	Members of cradle-roll	90

Money raised \$851; thank-offering from ten auxiliaries \$149. Total \$1000.

The thank-offering was observed in two more churches in Rhode Island than last year, and the offering was seventeen dollars more than last year.

ELLA EVANS STANTON.

[*Mrs. Arda H. Jackson for Central States and Ontario.*]

It is hard to realize that we are again standing on the threshold of another year in the life of the W. M. S. of our beloved denomination. It almost seems possible to doubt that twelve months have passed since last we sent our report for "central states and Ontario" and the work was planned for another year. But they have come and gone—gone never to return; months of blessed privilege; months of earnest endeavor; months when it seemed as though the hand of God was laid heavily upon us, and we felt that God was leading us in strange paths yet beside the still waters and through green pastures.

Circumstances over which I have had no control have kept me from doing work I had planned this last year. Yet letters have been sent to all our auxiliaries, and to individuals interested in W. M. S. work, so far as known, in my territory. What I wrote last year concerning reports is just as true now as then. Let me say to all auxiliaries, through the *HELPER*, "Report! report!!" There seems to be an increased interest in missions in the central states, and we would be glad to know more definitely the work of each auxiliary, and so be able to pass it on to others for their help and encouragement.

NEW YORK.

In reporting the work for this state I wish to say that only those societies sending money to the treasurer of the W. M. S., Miss DeMeritte, can be included in this report. After last year's report several faithful workers wrote me I had "left them out." Among them was Mrs. Hoose of Mexico, a veritable "mother in Israel" to the mission cause. Many of these sisters are doing noble work and all is recorded in heaven.

We are happy to report a new auxiliary in the Whitestown Q. M., which was organized at Ames, Jan. 21, '99, with thirteen members. Mrs. Lois Mount is its president and Miss Gertie Alger secretary. Prospect and Grant auxiliaries were organized last year, and continue to do a splendid work. Poland auxiliary always does excellent work. Although small in numbers it takes eighteen copies of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*. This society held last fall a sale, from which over \$80 was realized. Prospect also had one at the same time, clearing over \$100. These sales were in no way objectionable, useful articles being sold at reasonable prices

The proceeds were used for local work, but dues are sent to the treasurer. Poland always observes the thank offering service on some Sunday evening in May. Here, too, are some live juniors, who take a share in Miss Barnes's salary, as well as one in the salary of principal of Storer college. These juniors are fond of Miss Barnes's letters, and wish she would write more often.

Springville juniors have sent \$7 for a child in India. The juniors of First F. B. church in Elmira take one share in Miss Barnes's salary. West Oneonta continues the support of Pulmoni, and is credited with \$47 for the same. A Sunday school class at Morton has sent \$1 for Miss Barnes. Spafford Q. M. has contributed as usual. Susquehanna Y. M. sent us its collection, \$2. Also the Central New York Y. M. a collection of \$23.22.

The Brooklyn, N. Y. Ladies' Aid Society gave us a thank-offering of \$25. Miss Eva Baker of same church contributes \$10, while in New York city Miss E. L. Belyea sends \$10 for support of Raboni in S. O., and the N. Y. city Wilson Memorial Mission \$15 for the same child. The Sherman, Clymer, and Harmony churches have shown their interest by their offerings. Miss Agnes Powers of Holmesville contributes for our work each year although removed from our churches.

As usual Mrs. Anne S. D. Bates of Fabius has sent barrels of clothing and bedding West and to Harper's Ferry. This she does with no little effort, as she lives alone and several miles from a railroad station. Would that some of us who are younger and have such splendid opportunities had her zeal!

Mrs. Sarah Marsh reports having tried to organize an auxiliary at Keuka college, and though she has not succeeded hopes soon to see a live missionary society here. She writes of a sermon given there by Dr. Hallam on missions, in which he said, "One-sixth of a cent a week per member was all that the Central Association gave last year for foreign missions." Let us redeem such a record!

Buffalo (second church) sends the report of giving \$25 for a native Bible woman in India. The same society gives \$2 monthly to the church for church expenses. They have sold aprons, sent one quilt to Storer college, and two to a Buffalo mission for girls. They take the *HELPER*, and give a missionary concert twice a year, held on Sunday evenings.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Gibson Q. M. and Tioga Q. M. do good work, and support native teachers in India. Oswego Q. M. W. M. S. send \$25 for Lavina Mayhew in Sinclair Orphanage. Mrs. S. J. Lucas of Bear Lake has given for the Widows' Home, also Crooked Creek and Holliday churches. Spartansburg church contributes for general work, giving one-half their money for missions and one-half for the church. The mission band of Keeneyville help on Miss Barnes's support.

Mrs. Effie La Sure writes us of the interesting meetings her mission band at Lawsville hold, consisting of recitations, readings, prayers, and songs. That they take two missionary publications—the *HELPER* and *The Kingdom*. They unite with the C. E. when they have a missionary topic. They have taken three shares in Miss Emilie Barnes's salary. "We give one cent a week for missions, and as much more as we can." A friend gave them \$10, and this they sent to China to educate a boy for one year. "We have his photo, and interesting curios from there, and he often writes us a letter."

OHIO.

Very few reports have reached me from Ohio. Some Canterbury friends are interested in the work and have given \$5. There are auxiliaries at S. Ridge, Central Ohio, and Green Camp. Meigs Q. M. has sent \$10 to the treasurer. Mrs. Lena Lane has shown her interest by sending a thank offering of \$1, and Miss Ruth E. Brockett of Rio Grande \$10. Marion church ladies send \$5 toward Miss Baker's salary, and the Sunday school at Marion a birthday offering of \$16. The Blanchester juniors take one share in Miss Barnes's salary. These juniors were interested in Miss Barnes through the late May Austin Kelley. May they ever continue this interest as a memorial to this sweet Christian.

ONTARIO.

Last year no communication reached us from Canada, but this year a very pleasant letter came from Miss F. R. Moulton of Sherbrooke, Quebec. In response to my letter she writes, "It is inspiring to get a letter from one of the workers of our beloved missionary society. Twenty years ago there was an auxiliary organized in my father's house. It lived about ten years. From the first we assumed the support of a zenana teacher, funds for which, I am happy to say, have never failed to reach our treasurer. This will still be done as long as I live."

Mrs. D. W. Moulton of Montreal contributes for our work, but Miss Moulton knows of no auxiliary in Canada. Miss Moulton writes she is trying to foster a missionary spirit in her primary Sunday-school class. May her mantle fall on some of these little ones!

We hope next year we may do better work, and to this end we desire to increase our membership, and to increase the number who will attend missionary meetings and pay annual dues. Let us not forget this is a missionary age, and we are behind the times if we have not caught its spirit. "There is little danger of exaggerating the grandeur of our opportunity, the greatness of our responsibility, or the peril of unfaithfulness, neglect, or even delay."

Dear sisters of the Central States, let us pray more for our work and our missionaries, knowing that "prayer moves the arm that wields the world."

Yours in the work,

ARDA HYATT JACKSON.

[Mrs. A. A. McKenney for the West.]

As we come to the close of another year of missionary effort, and glance backward, we see but few changes in comparison with other years in our Western work. Here and there we find our sisters earnestly striving to do all they can to give the privileges they enjoy to those who have no knowledge of Christ and the blessings which that knowledge brings. Would that this could be said of our sisters in all our churches, but as we look over the field we see "the harvest is great, the laborers few," and we can but cry, "Lord, send forth laborers into the harvest."

Some earnest, faithful work has been done by our field agent, who spent one hundred and three days in Illinois, which we trust will be the means of renewed courage and effort in that state. Michigan has employed Miss Moody a portion of the time as state agent, as in former years, with good results. If each yearly meeting could secure an efficient state agent, even for a short period of time each year, it would greatly enlarge our work. But we are thankful that our Western states can occasionally be visited by our efficient and successful Western field agent.

Indiana's secretary writes that the plan of work in that yearly meeting is so changed that most of the funds have been collected by the church committee, and sent to the General Conference treasurer. [Indiana has also sent more money to the W. M. S. treasurer than last year.—EDITOR.]

Minnesota has a few very faithful auxiliaries, but more who are doing but little. [Yet Minnesota gave so much compared with her numbers that she almost won the necklet.—ED.]

Iowa retains Miss Scott as her missionary. Although there are less auxiliaries this year than last, there is an increase of twenty-three members. The secretary is planning for each Q. M. treasurer to get all the members and all others that they can to pledge fifty cents for missionary work to be paid by next June.

Michigan's secretary feels the need of better reporting by the auxiliaries and Q. M. secretaries, and writes that she fears they made a mistake in not keeping an agent in the field.

Kansas women are earnestly at work, but the needs are so great on the home field they cannot do as much as they would like otherwise. Mrs. Abbey writes that two parsonages have been built in the yearly meeting, and the women have helped loyally in the work. At Horton \$400 was given by one woman, and \$110 by another. At Hickory Grove the Missionary Society became responsible for the parsonage, and are nearly out of debt. Summit auxiliary meets every two weeks and does all sorts of work, anything to bring in an honest penny. They have just put a new fence around the cemetery, at the church, which cost \$50.

Nebraska sends no report.

MICHIGAN.

President, MRS. FRANCIS KIES, Reading; Secretary, MRS. ELECTA FRENCH REYNOLDS, Hillsdale; Treasurer, MISS LOMA GARWOOD, Brownsville.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Calhoun and North Branch	Mrs. Julia Cook	6	2	.....	.....	.....	17	\$32.00
Genesee	Mrs. F. E. Stimson .....	.....	.....	5	3	.....	25	53.75
Hill-dale	Mrs. Carrie Censolus	14	400	2	.....	.....	130	445.15
Holton and White River	Mrs. C. C. Cilley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.20
Lansing	Mrs. D. M. Hopkins	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.25
Oakland	Metta A. Devereaux	1	13	1	.....	.....	.....	8.68
Osceola	Mrs. Annie Nelson	1	15	.....	.....	.....	39	13.60
Van Buren	Mrs. Jennie Clement	4	66	.....	.....	.....	25	62.13
Total .....	.....	6	23	504	6	.....	236	\$636.76

MINNESOTA.

President, MRS. T. McELROY, Clear Lake, So. Dak.; Secretary and Treasurer, MRS. F. L. DURGIN, Winnebago City.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Hennepin	Mrs. Weld	6	4	32	.....	.....	28	\$134.16
Winona and Houston	Mrs. H. T. Brann	4	2	55	.....	.....	.....	58.22
South Dakota	Miss Rosina Palmer	5	2	13	2	60	8	75.00
Winnebago City	Miss Susie Davis	17	7	110	.....	.....	55	272.51
	Y. M. collection .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.09
Total .....	.....	32	15	216	2	60	101	\$548.98

IOWA.

President, MRS. THERA B. TRUE, Edgewood; Secretary and Treasurer, MRS. NETTIE ZIMMERMAN, Bryantburg.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Little Sioux Valley	Maggie Thompson ..	6	3	52	.....	.....	19	\$124.46
Delaware and Clayton	Mrs. Thera B. True ..	8	5	56	3	45	28	76.25
Blackhawk and Buchanan	Nettie Zimmerman ..	6	2	17	1	7	20	80.37
Cedar Valley	Mrs. F. B. Wilson ..	9	4	73	.....	.....	8	77.54
Van Buren .....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.20
Wapsipinicon	Y. M. collection	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.31
Total .....	.....	40	14	198	4	52	75	\$381.13

NORTHERN KANSAS.

President, MRS. MARY RICE McMINN, Macyville; Secretary, MRS. N. L. ABBEY, Half Way; Treasurer, MRS. IDA B. B. SIMPSON, Horton.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Salem	Mrs. M. N. Stillwell..	4	1	8	.....	.....	4	\$8.07
Washington	Mrs. M. E. Grover....	1	1	11	.....	.....	.....	12.50
Cloud and Republic	Mrs. Jessie Wheeler...	1	1	18	.....	.....	5	540.00
Northern Kansas Y. M. Cloud and Republic Q. M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.55
Dentonville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.22
Half Way S. S. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Mrs. Hattie Ashley ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.70
Mrs. Abbey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Summit aux. T. O. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00
Total .....	.....	6	3	37	.....	.....	9	\$79.04

INDIANA.

President, MRS. MARTHA STOLER, Topeka; Secretary, MRS. ANNA MYERS, Defiance, O.; Treasurer, MRS. MARY BELCH, Pierceton.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Salem	Mrs. Glennie Castle ..	5	1	5	.....	.....	3	\$7.25
Lagrange	Mrs. John Low.....	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.36
Total .....	.....	11	4	5	.....	.....	3	\$44.61

Nearly every state has sent more money to the treasury than the foregoing reports would indicate. From the Western states not reported contributions have come as follows: Illinois, \$74.33; Ohio, \$57.45; South Dakota, \$53.59; Indiana, \$50.18; California, \$33; Nebraska, \$21.71; Wisconsin, \$5; Oregon, \$2.—EDITOR.

WESTERN TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.		
Oct. 1, 1898, in treasury .....	.....	\$44.84
Nov. 10, Brainard, Minn., aux., 5 cent tax.	.....	.75
Jan. 10, 1899, from F. B. W. M. S. ....	.....	37.50
Feb. 8., Delavan, Minn., aux., 5 cent tax.	.....	.50
March 30, from F. B. W. M. S. ....	.....	37.50
April 4, from F. B. W. M. S. ....	.....	76.58
April 20, Iowa Y. M. W. M. S. ....	.....	.50
Sept. 20, Nashville, Minn., aux., 5 cent tax	.....	1.00
Aug. 12, from F. B. W. M. S. ....	.....	37.50
EXPENDITURES.		
Oct. 20, 1898, to Miss Moody .....	.....	\$25.00
Dec. 17, to Miss Moody .....	.....	20.00
Feb. 27, 1899, to Miss Moody .....	.....	37.50
March 31, to Miss Moody .....	.....	37.50
April 7, to Miss Moody .....	.....	53.83
Aug. 19, to Miss Moody .....	.....	37.50
Money exchange .....	.....	.38
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1899 .....	.....	25.66
		\$236.67
		\$236.67

MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY, Western Treas.

Received from October, 1898, to October, 1899, the following collections for Western work (all from Illinois):

CHURCHES.	COLLECTIONS.
Orchardville	\$2.12
Johnsonville	1.39
Blue Point	1.00
Oak Valley .....	.50
Middleton .....	.50
Pleasant View	1.41
Mt. Zion .....	.26
Crainville.....	.75
Union	1.29
Ava	3.72
Percy	4.00
Chester.....	2.39
Campbell Hill.....	1.18
Etherton	1.60
Murphysboro .....	.50
Wayne Co. Q. M.	2.32
Ava children's band.....	1.00
Total	\$25.93

MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CRADLE-ROLL OF LITTLE LIGHT-BEARERS.

ONE year has passed since, in response to a request for the same, a plan was presented at the annual meeting for a new department, to be created in the W. M. S., to be called the "Cradle-Roll of Little Light-Bearers," the important feature and real object of this movement being the enlistment of the babies and wee ones of the home in the missionary cause, leading them to begin while in the cradle to send the light to little ones in darkened lands. The plan was adopted at that meeting as presented, and the department set in motion at once by the enrolment of two little children by interested friends in the audience. Those two little light-bearers, Viola May Chamberlin and Ruth Talpey Gordon, together with the then organized cradle roll at Pawtucket, R. I., formed the nucleus for a work with us, which is already becoming justly popular in the W. M. S. of other denominations. This new department of work has met with approval from every quarter, and, while the progress made has not been as rapid as might have been desired, we can report real progress in this work for the first year.

The cradle-roll is lengthening and more little lights keep flashing out from other auxiliaries and from churches where there are no auxiliaries. We can now report eleven cradle-rolls, as follows: Maine has six—at Gardiner, Lewiston (Pine St.), Kittery Point, Topsham, Dover, and one in a church in Prospect and Unity Q. M., with also one child enrolled at No. Berwick. New Hampshire two—Epsom and New Durham. Rhode Island two—Roger Williams (Providence) and Pawtucket. Also one at Orchard, Iowa.

The appointment of cradle-roll superintendents in three other places is reported, with promise of organizations. Although the whole number enrolled cannot be exactly stated, the above list with the additional enrolment of four individual little light-bearers represents at least two hundred (and probably many more) little children too small to belong to junior societies, who are now regularly helping to send the light to dark-browed children in our own India field. When we consider that many of these are only babies in the cradle who are forming this habit of missionary giving, and we reflect on the mothers who are now sure to become interested in missions in some degree at least, who shall say that the Cradle Roll of Little Light-Bearers is not a part of our work in which we should be interested and that needs our prayers and help. On account of the death of Mrs. Smith there has been some delay in the assignment of our first cradle roll child in Sinclair Orphanage. It is learned that Miss Gaunce has selected a child, but the name has not been reported. We shall soon have money enough coming in to support more cradle-roll children. All cradle-roll money is to go for this purpose.

It may be of interest both to our editor and others to note that through the pages of our **MISSIONARY HELPER** we have been instrumental in awakening an interest in this work beyond our own borders. A sister in a Christian Baptist church in a Massachusetts city, who reads and values our magazine, has become interested and has organized a cradle-roll in her own church. Although over sixty years of age she writes, "I expect to have at least twenty-five little ones enrolled to start with the first year." Here is an example to be followed in places where they say, "There is no one to do the work."

Another sister in the same state has written to know if this work can be taken up in a Sunday kindergarten. While the women of the Ohio W. M. S. of the Evangelical Association have written for cradle-roll literature for their table of supplies, saying, "We saw about it in the June **HELPER**, and we want to get a good start on this line of work."

In our own work the cradle-roll has in some places opened the way for the first interest in and contributions to our W. M. S.

It was necessary at the beginning of this work to provide some supplies and literature of our own publication beside those which could be purchased. Accordingly five hundred or more regular cradle-roll certificates were purchased having on one side our own printed formula and the name of our W. M. S. There has also been published an explanatory leaflet, two thousand copies of which have been printed for free distribution. This sets forth the work of the cradle roll in relation to our own denomination, with directions for organization, etc. This leaflet has saved much writing and has been useful in introducing the

work. Over six hundred have been sent to the children's secretaries or the state president of the New England states, in sufficient quantities for distribution in the quarterly meeting or individual churches. Requests also have been made that the work be presented in the auxiliaries and churches, and that cradle-roll secretaries be appointed. By request a good supply of literature has been sent for distribution at the Bowdoin Conference, Sebec Q. M., and the recent session of the Maine State Association.

Maine and Rhode Island are the only states that have appointed cradle roll secretaries. Maine has pushed this work with her usual earnestness, and much credit is due her energetic and systematic cradle-roll secretary, Mrs. George of Pittsfield, who writes, "Excuses such as 'We have no capable workers to do this,' 'We have no children of the right age,' etc., show a misapprehension of the cradle-roll plan which we are trying to correct as rapidly as possible." She sends the following report: "In the beginning of the year it was thought wise to secure a cradle-roll secretary for each district, through whom to work. In this we have been partially successful. The leaflets have been of very great assistance, and have been very wisely distributed. Whenever it is possible to send a personal word with these, however, attention is naturally compelled to a greater degree. Bowdoin Conference has three rolls, all flourishing although not yet full—at Lewiston (Pine St.), Topsham, and Gardiner. York Co. Conference has two—at North Berwick and Kittery Point. Sebec Q. M. has a roll of one member at Dover and Foxcroft. Prospect and Unity also reports a cradle-roll, but at which church I do not know. In various places plans for organization are in progress, and another year will we feel sure see a much longer list reported from Maine."

In Rhode Island a paper on the cradle-roll department was presented at the annual meeting, and at a later session a secretary was appointed, who has sent a circular letter with cradle-roll leaflets to each auxiliary. This state has the two largest cradle-rolls so far reported. There is promise of more cradle-rolls to be organized soon.

New Hampshire reports leaflets well circulated, having been sent out with state president's letter to children's secretary of quarterly meetings.

No reports have been received from other states. As this is a regular department of our work we bespeak for it some attention at our annual and quarterly meeting gatherings, and also in auxiliary meetings. We urge that in each state' some one be appointed to have this work in charge, or that the children's secretary be asked to include it with her work. Much of the future success of the movement depends on this action on the part of the state W. M. S.

It has been a source of much regret to the cradle-roll secretary that illness has prevented her extending the work much beyond New England.

May the coming year show increased interest in this work for God's little ones, with an enrolment of many more who shall

"Begin in the cradle, in earliest youth,
To send to the Christless God's precious truth."

ETHELYN H. ROBERTS.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S SECRETARY FOR NEW ENGLAND.

THE work done for the children in the past year may not have been greater than formerly, but those who have this work in charge in the various localities are becoming more interested and are asking, "What can we do?" "Just how can we reach the children in the churches that are not already actively engaged in children's work?" The reports show a determination to begin early and push earnestly the work of the coming year. For these reasons the outlook is more encouraging than at any time since I became children's secretary.

The secretary for Maine, Mrs. Ada B. George, has evidently been doing earnest work. She reports as follows: "In twelve of the seventeen conferences, secretaries of children's work have been appointed. Aroostook Q. M. has three mission bands. The Sunday school at Sprague's Mills gives ten dollars for the support of a child in India. Island Falls S. S. class No. 5 has a share in Miss Barnes's salary. Bowdoin Conference has seven junior societies and ten shares are taken in Miss Barnes's salary. Most of the usual mission-band work is done through S. S. classes.

"Cumberland Conference reports two junior societies, several temperance bands; and a helping-hand band at West Falmouth. Three societies give toward Miss Barnes's salary, one of them—Portland—taking two shares. Three S. S. classes in Portland contribute to Sinclair Orphanage, and three other churches have S. S. classes that do the same.

"Farmington Q. M. has one junior society, one S. S. class, and one band, each taking a share. In Parsonsfield Q. M. one share is taken. Prospect and Unity one share taken. Sebec Q. M. reports three mission bands and one share taken. Waterville Q. M. one junior society taking one share. York County Conference one share taken."

Mrs. M. S. Getchell, secretary for New Hampshire, writes, "I appointed secretaries in every Q. M. so far as I could get some one to act, and sent letters regarding the work to every auxiliary and to each church that had no auxiliary. Sent cradle-roll leaflets and many personal letters. I hardly know how much good all this effort did, but feel encouraged to believe that some good seed was sown." Certainly our sister has "done what she could" and the coming year will show results of her earnest work.

In Vermont Miss Ruth E. Refud, a new worker, has become children's secretary. She writes, "I cannot send an encouraging report this year. We have thirty-five churches in Vermont, and only eight report work done. I hope that another year will show better things." Lyndon Center Junior A. F. C. E. and West Charleston Junior Society each have one share in Miss Barnes's salary.

Rhode Island is doing good service for the children through junior societies, cradle-rolls, and Sunday-school classes. Olneyville, primary department of the Sunday school, has one share in Miss Barnes's salary. Many of the little folks are enthusiastic workers for the kindergarten in India, or for the cradle-roll baby in Sinclair Orphanage.

As I said at the beginning, the outlook is more encouraging than ever before. Reports received showing greater interest and more work; but you see, dear sisters, how little of what has actually been accomplished I am able to present, because so small a part of the work comparatively has been reported to me or to the state secretaries. Will not each local secretary feel responsible for a more complete report next year, and will you not offer especial prayer for the children's work and workers in New England?

In His name,

[MRS.] C. EDITH CHASE.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S SECRETARY FOR THE WEST.

In asking for statistics I am almost appalled at the lack of numbers. By diligent correspondence the secretary of the Michigan State Association can get reports of only eight bands, and only two of them report membership. The other Western yearly meetings and assemblies have doubtless reported to Mrs. McKenney.

The report to appear in the "Register" gives the very creditable number of 102 societies with a membership of 4000. But these are only a small fraction of the children under Free Baptist influence, and who twenty years hence are to form the strength of our churches, and upon whom must depend mission work at home and abroad. Certainly then there is still work to be done among the children. The only question is, "How?"

We have rejoiced at the splendid development of the young people's movement and the success of the United Society of Free Baptist Young People. How could we do otherwise? They are our own children. Their leaders and missionaries have largely come from our mission bands. For this result we have labored with pen, voice, and prayer. We would help them in every way. But as the mother of a family may transfer to her older children much of the labor for the younger ones, and yet her interest and watchfulness are still needed; so, after all the United Society can do, there is still much for us.

I have endeavored to outline what I think should be the duties of a children's secretary: As ever to try to establish some kind of mission interest among the children in each church in the denomination. For this purpose I would suggest that she be instructed to write at least two articles a year for the *HELPER*, *Morning Star*, and *Free Baptist*; that she make herself acquainted with the junior secretary of the United Society of Free Baptist Young People, and seek means to co-operate with them in promoting missionary intelligence and interest; that she attend their conventions, and also the quarterly and yearly meetings, and present the children's work; finally that she be watchful in every way to stimulate mission growth in young people both in Sabbath schools and mission bands. On the other hand, it seems to me that our auxiliaries should be urged by the board to interest themselves in the children's work; to appoint some one in their auxiliary to look after the work among the children in their own church; and to endeavor to secure the services of the children's secretary in some of their public meetings during the year.

FRANCES STEWART MOSHER.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

THE publication committee has during the year issued a number of publications relating to or helping in the advancement of our work. Early in November a new supply of yearly meeting blanks, revised to date, were printed. To aid the local field agents in obtaining their allotted number of *HELPER* subscribers, and to give them something material from which to work, a supply of *HELPER* prospectuses were gotten out in December.

In accordance with instructions received from the executive committee, a "Brief History" leaflet was prepared, as a revision of the one written by Mrs. Brewster and published in 1893. Five thousand copies of this were issued the first of February, the first five hundred going to the National Woman's Council in Washington, D. C. In February also one thousand copies of the "Cradle-Roll" leaflet, prepared by Mrs. Roberts, was published by your committee. Both of these leaflets are for free distribution.

Believing that even a woman's missionary society should be run by such business methods as would commend it to thinking people, the committee has within the last few days caused to emanate from the press receipt blanks and certificate-cards of membership for use in the local church auxiliary.

It was decided at the last meeting of the committee to publish in an early future number of the *HELPER* a list of our life members.

We feel that the efforts of the committee during the year have been toward the promotion of the good of the society and the betterment of our little magazine, in spite of the fact that our meetings have been so irregular and small because of the illness of our members or their families.

The committee wishes to extend its sympathy to its members, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Stanton, in their necessitated absence from active missionary work; and to its beloved chairman the committee would offer its heartfelt love and sympathy in the great sadness that has come to her the past year.

The *HELPER*, we believe, is a better magazine than ever before, and under its present efficient management we are justified in looking for an improvement with each monthly issue.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA S. FENNER, Sec. Pub. Com.

PUBLISHER'S REPORT.

THE publisher's department of the *MISSIONARY HELPER* has moved quietly forward the past year. Plans were early laid to offer several valuable books as premiums for new subscribers secured, and the offer of cash premiums was renewed.

The assignment of a definite number of copies of *HELPER* to be taken in each state and yearly meeting society has become a permanent arrangement, and gives each society a goal toward which to be constantly aiming, and each state and local agent a definite plan of work.

We believe that our agents are interested to increase the circulation of our magazine from the twofold purpose of extending the usefulness of our *HELPER*, and also for giving to it the support it must have. All must appreciate that a missionary magazine is dependent on its constituency for financial support. It in no way appeals to the general public for support, hence the responsibility rests on our own people to continue year after year their subscription to their own publication. We find, however, here as elsewhere that what ought to be is not always done without care and attention, so it is an ever present necessity that active agents be at work in all churches securing renewals and new subscriptions. Just at present our offer is standing for trial subscriptions for four months for ten cents. This offer has been favorably received, and more than a hundred names added to our list and we hope many of these will become permanent subscribers.

We look forward hopefully, with the determination to make our magazine a power in hastening the coming of the kingdom in all lands and hearts.

ELLA H. ANDREWS.

"The happy Christmas comes once more,
The heavenly Guest is at the door;
The blessed words the shepherds thrill,
The joyous tidings—peace, good-will!
The bethrées of all Christendom
Now roll along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

REPORT OF EDITOR.

MORE and more we are impressed with the truth of the saying that "information is the advance agent of reformation." In fact, information is the advance agent of interest in nearly every good work; and so we have a powerful incentive to fully equip, support, and continually increase the circuit of this little missionary letter-carrier, that drops its word of inspiration, cheer, instruction or appeal, into thousands of homes.

At the annual convention of young people a young worker said that she first became interested in the *HELPER* when as a child she learned pieces from it to speak at missionary concerts. A lady of a sister denomination chanced to see the September number. Her attention was attracted by the brief reference to the silver necklace. She wanted to know the story from the beginning; result, a new subscriber. "I want to know," in its best sense, is apt to be the beginning of growth in many directions. To the sum total of knowledge, which is power, we would add our contribution of missionary information.

A few readers have sent money to furnish copies of the *HELPER* to some who would like it but cannot afford to subscribe for it themselves. Such kind deeds are worthy of multiplication.

The manner in which the "Still Hour"—the new feature of the Practical Christian Living department—has been received, is a touching surprise. Merely a glimpse of the many letters and verbal expressions of appreciation can be given. A "shut-in," who is confined to her bed, wrote something of her life, and then said, "I tell you this that you may see with what force those beautiful lines came home to my heart. I read them over and over, and then sent them to a friend in sorrow, hoping that she might find the same comfort in them that I had found." A widow who is trying under many disadvantages to support and educate her children was one day wholly worn out and discouraged. It was in the midst of a particularly busy forenoon and her work pressed so heavily that she hardly knew which way to turn. Suddenly her eye fell upon the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, which she took up mechanically. It opened at the "Still Hour" and the very words she needed at the moment. "I could never tell anyone," she said, "what that message meant to me; everything seemed to untangle, and I went about my work rested and uplifted." The editor of a valued exchange wrote, "May I send you a word of gratitude for the *HELPER* that came this afternoon? The 'True Rest' and the poems brought 'a word of the Lord' to me. . . . They have drawn me closer to the One who is our rest-giver—nay, who is himself our rest." May this record of experiences encourage those who have given their heart-thoughts to the beautiful hour, and stimulate others to pass on through the same channel the comfort wherewith they have been comforted.

It is not yet time to know how extensively the roll call and membership meeting was observed, but wide-reaching results are expected from this new departure. The denominational number in May was appreciated, and the hope expressed that it would be repeated. The thank-offering number is always liberally used and commended. Please note that the topics for study for 1900 are announced. It would be an excellent idea for local committees to be appointed to prepare programs for the year, for auxiliaries, in order that each member may have ample time for study, and the parts may be equally distributed. As usual, helps will be given, month by month, in the magazine.

Our cuts have been obtained chiefly through the courtesy of the Publishing House or the gifts of individuals. Michigan women paid for the attractive cut of Rev. Elizabeth Moody, a worthy example for other states to follow.

The biographical sketches invariably appeal to our readers, and will be continued to some extent in the coming year. The series of articles, by our dear "Mother Hills," on Pundita Ramabai have awakened even wider than denominational interest.

We need more brief, bright items from our workers, both at home and abroad, about auxiliary meetings, missionary concerts, junior work, the cradle-roll, young people's work, the kindergarten, *HELPER* agents, India happenings, etc. Who will send them—will you? Will you help make a thoroughly up-to-date missionary magazine, such as we wish ours to be?

Hearty thanks are extended to the missionaries who have faithfully written from the foreign field. It means much, not only to the interest of the readers but to the work itself. We appeal to others who may not have realized the importance of writing even brief letters to our magazine, to help—as no one else can—to make it what it was originally intended to be, the connecting link between the workers of the two fields. We cordially invite Miss Gaunce to represent our New Brunswick sisters more frequently; Miss Landes our Church of God friends; and Mrs. Edna Wile MacPherson our sisters of Nova Scotia.

The *HELPER* library has received a round dozen of books during the year, for which we again thank the donors. This growing collection of missionary volumes is a valuable tool-chest for any workers who test its usefulness. It has been a great blessing to the editor in the preparation of the magazine month by month. The teacher of domestic science at Storer college read several of the books last summer in order to give occasional missionary talks to her girls during the winter.

Our brothers have given us friendly greetings from time to time. The editor of the *Morning Star* recently said through his—and our—paper, "Success to the *HELPER* in the coming year." The editor of the *Free Baptist* wrote, "It is

worthy a place in the pastor's study as well as in every Free Baptist home." A clergyman of Nova Scotia, to whom the **HELPER** was given one year, has sent his subscription for two years in advance.

Our magazine has been most fortunate in having such representatives at our conventions; Mrs. Demerit at Ocean Park, Mrs. Cheney at the rally at Hillsdale, Miss Mary Ward at the annual convention of young people, and Hon. R. W. Shaw at the Maine State Association. It is of interest to know what a successful lawyer has to say about the **HELPER**; and as he gives sound advice, right to the point and without the customary "fee," we take pleasure in quoting his paper:

The official organ of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society is best introduced by its suggestive name, THE MISSIONARY HELPER! Let us ask, What is it? What are its needs? How can we add to its influence?

First, it is the freshest, cleanest, brightest little magazine of its kind in New England. Its pages are well written and its literature well selected. Its facts are reliable and its spirit inspiring. I have been enraptured often by reading the gem scraps of poetry therein. It gives the truest pictures from Hindu life I have ever seen. Its biographical sketches are free from gush and true to life. Its facts are truly stated, its figures do not lie, its exhortations, though often unheeded, are earnest and breathe the spirit of the Master.

Such a magazine is a great possession for any people; and when we consider that the most of the material for its columns is furnished gratis by consecrated men and women of our denomination its value is enhanced.

Second, what are its needs? It has able editors, numerous contributions, a great mission, a large field. But what does it need? Two things: more readers, more money. You can furnish both.

That such a publication should be absent from any Free Baptist home is a matter for serious regret. That it should be unread in any home where it finds its way is a matter for sorrow. It can have more money by having more readers. One will bring the other.

Third, how can we give it more influence? Answer, by making it a welcome monthly visitor in every F. B. home. The system of apportionment among the churches now being tried by the committee will accomplish this, I believe, and that right soon if pastor and people see at once the supreme importance of doing the work assigned to them.

The committee in charge of the **HELPER** have appointed agents in every section of the country and asked them to make friends for missions by getting subscribers and finding material for it.

Many of these agents have not yet learned the importance of making regular reports of their doings, and carefully canvassing their respective localities.

Let me say to one and all that this is the Master's business and cannot be neglected without loss to yourselves; and let me also say that any effort in the line of your official duties as agents of the **HELPER** will bring the sweet reward of "good and faithful servant." Such effort will result in a growth of true missionary spirit.

The growth of missionary spirit means a growth in all lines of church work. When all Free Baptists are missionary helpers, the MISSIONARY HELPER will wax great and be a force for good, powerful, and enduring.

R. W. SHAW.

The past year has been a pleasant and we hope profitable one for the makers and readers of the MISSIONARY HELPER. Shall it be our united and prayerful purpose to make an impress for righteousness upon the closing year of the nineteenth century?

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB.

PREMIUM LIST FOR 1900.

ANY person sending in the *renewals* of five or more subscriptions, with the cash, may retain *five* cents on each subscription.

Any person sending in the names of any number of *new* subscribers less than ten, with the cash, may retain five cents on each subscription.

Any person sending in the names of ten or more *new* subscribers, with the cash, may retain *ten* cents on each subscription.

Any person sending in the names of *three new* subscribers, with the cash, will be entitled to a copy of "History of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society," by Mary A. Davis; or a copy of "In His Steps," or "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," by Charles M. Sheldon.

Any person sending in the names of *six new* subscribers, with the cash, will be entitled to a copy of "An Introduction to the Life of Jesus," by Alfred Williams Anthony.

Any person sending in the names of *nine new* subscribers, with the cash, will be entitled to a copy of "Life of Dr. James L. Phillips," by Mary R. Phillips.

"MISSIONARY HELPER" ASSIGNMENTS.

THE assignments to the several states of the number of copies of the **HELPER** to be taken were the same as last year, and as follows: Maine, 1000; New Hampshire, 600; Vermont, 150; Massachusetts, 350; Rhode Island, 450; New York and Pennsylvania, 325; Ohio, 275; Indiana, 150; Illinois, 200; Michigan, 550; Iowa, 200; Nebraska, 100; Kansas, 100; Wisconsin, 130; Minnesota, 200; Dakota, 30. The five thousand is completed by the subscriptions in Canada, India, and the states to which no regular assignment has been made. It is hoped that all friends of the **MISSIONARY HELPER**, wherever they may be, will work harder than ever this year for a longer subscription list and a consequent wider knowledge of the mission field.

SUGGESTED READINGS FOR 1900.

"In the Tiger Jungle," and other stories of missionary work among the Telugus of India. By Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., D.D.

"Chundra Lela, the Converted Fakir." By Mrs. Ada Lee. Calcutta, India.

"History of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society." By Mrs. Mary A. Davis.

Further reference will be made in January to the foregoing books.

MUSIC is the inarticulate speech of the heart, which cannot be compressed into words because it is infinite.—*Wagner*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1899.

	RECEIPTS.
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1898	\$2,424 28
for Brewster scholarship	\$1,000 00
working capital from the Brewster estate	300 00
A. Moulton fund	50 00
from Mrs. Collins's estate	100 00
for H. M. including Storer college and the Industrial Department	765 81
F. M. including zenanas and schools	692 33
schools, teachers, and Bible women at Midnapore	219 13
schools, teachers, and orphanage at Balasore	664 47
Dorcas Smith Widows' Home at Balasore	110 63
Mrs. D. F. Smith and Miss Shirley Smith	307 67
kindergarten teacher, Miss H. Phillips	400 00
kindergarten supplies, etc.	110 00
Miss L. C. Coombs's salary	311 63
Miss Ella Butts's salary	125 60
Dr. Mary Bacheler's salary	339 47
Miss E. E. Barnes's salary and work	409 34
Miss J. J. Scott's salary	279 79
Miss M. J. Baker's salary	60 00
Rachel Das	89 50
Bhimpore, including specials	100 90
Jeliasore	22 50
Golden Memorial	36 00
incidental fund	101 37
Cuba mission	1 00
outfit returned by Miss Barnes	40 00
interest on Cristy fund	1,523 21
interest on general funds	235 58
accrued funds in India	150 00
investments paid in	2,520 00
miscellaneous	<u>2,157 15</u>
Total receipts for year ending Aug. 31, 1899	<u>13,221 08</u>
Total to account for	\$15,645 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash for Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary balance	100 00
Miss H. Phillips's salary	400 00
Miss L. C. Coombs's salary	400 00
Dr. Mary Bacheler's salary	400 00
Miss E. E. Barnes's salary	400 00
Miss J. J. Scott's salary	400 00
Miss Ella Butts's salary	533 33
Miss Rachel Das's salary	87 50
Mrs. L. B. Lightner's salary from Cristy fund	425 00
Miss E. V. Smith's salary from Cristy fund	350 00
Miss Claire Sands on salary from Cristy fund for English teaching	380 00
Miss Stella James's salary from Cristy fund	350 00

Miss Shirley Smith for education	200 00
Miss M. J. Baker's salary	500 00
treasurer's salary	250 00
assistant treasurer's salary	50 00
boys' mission school at Midnapore	120 00
Bible women at Midnapore	125 00
ragged schools at Midnapore	215 00
zenanas at Midnapore	240 00
rent at Midnapore	155 00
Hindu day school at Balasore	187 50
zenanas at Balasore	140 00
kindergarten work at Balasore	63 30
kindergarten building at Balasore	19 00
day schools at Balasore	35 00
Hanson school at Balasore	12 50
Sinclair Orphanage at Balasore	460 00
repairs of Orphanage at Balasore	77 50
Bible women at Balasore	62 50
Russell memorial at Balasore	12 50
Widows' Home at Balasore	50 00
Bhudruck	100 00
Chandbali for work of General Conference	37 50
Bhimpore for work of General Conference	160 00
Bhimpore special for General Conference	30 00
Jellasore	62 00
freight to India	18 93
traveling expenses of Miss E. Butts to India, not including baggage	266 38
industrial department at Storer college	400 00
special appropriation to Storer college	41 08
Western appropriation	189 08
Stewart room at S. C. and other furnishings	39 00
literature department	57 46
Golden Memorial investment	240 00
Brewster bequests invested	1,300 00
re-investments	2,250 00
Moulton funds invested	50 00
investment in Portland Trust Co.	430 00
premium and interest advanced on Cristy funds	45 75
premium and interest advanced on "Brewster scholarships fund"	18 44
care of funds, 5 per cent on income	96 03
general expenses of Cristy fund	15 60
Council dues and traveling expenses of president to Washington	28 14
annuities	130 00
HELPER deficit	62 94
printing reports	95 98
advertisement in HELPER	60 00
thank-offering expenses	26 51
general expenses, including printing, postage, and stationery	93 89
Total disbursements	13,545 34
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1899	2,100 02
Total accounted for	\$15,645 36

THE MISSIONARY HELPER.

Of the \$2100.02 in hand there are owed to Cristy fund, kindergarten work, Widows' Home, Golden Memorial, etc., \$458.07.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

HARRIET A. DEERING, *Auditor.*

FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS.

<i>Funds.</i>	<i>Investments.</i>
Brewster scholarship	\$1,000 00
Curtis fund	1,000 00
Cristy fund	29,752 00
Cole fund	500 00
Dearborn fund	425 00
Mary A. Dearborn fund	400 00
Golden Memorial	240 00
Henderson fund	1,000 00
Hanson fund	500 00
Kindergarten funds	507 13
Littlefield fund	300 00
Prescott fund	2,000 00
Sanitary fund	191 63
Mary B. Wingate fund	500 00
Working capital	1,022 00
Widows' Home funds	189 05

	\$39,526 81
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Premium on 47 shares R. R. stock at market price	6,435 00

Total valuation	\$45,961 81

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing invested funds and find them in amount and kind as stated by the treasurer.

HARRIET A. DEERING, *Auditor.*

Receipts itemized as follows:

Maine	\$1,746 27	Kansas	25 52
New Hampshire	1,495 43	Nebraska	21 71
Rhode Island	1,148 72	New Brunswick	11 00
Michigan	593 13	West Virginia	10 35
Minnesota	553 28	Connecticut	10 00
Iowa	354 47	Wisconsin	5 00
Vermont	336 27	Nova Scotia	4 00
Massachusetts	320 99	Washington D. C.	3 00
New York	240 44	Oregon	2 00
Illinois	92 45	Interest	1,758 79
Pennsylvania	74 33	Funds from India	150 00
Province of Quebec	69 00	Investments	2,520 00
Ohio	57 45	Bequests	1,300 00
South Dakota	53 59	Miscellaneous	128 71
India	52 00		-----
Indiana	50 18	Total receipts	\$13,221 08
California	33 00	Total thank-offering	\$1,182 79

Silver necklace awarded to Rhode Island.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

APPROPRIATIONS.

MIDNAPORE.

Rent	\$160 00
Bible women	125 00
Zenanas	240 00
Boys' mission school	120 00
Ragged schools	215 00
Dr. Mary Bacheler's salary	400 00
Miss L. C. oombs's salary	400 00
Miss E. M. Butts's salary	400 00
	————— \$2,060 00

BALASORE.

Zenanas	140 00
Hindu day school	120 00
Bible women	62 00
Day school	35 00
Orphanage	400 00
Kindergarten	45 00
Repairs	75 00
Rachel Das	87 50
Hattie Phillips's salary	400 00
Miss J. J. Scott's salary	400 00
	————— 1,825 00

BHUDRUCK.

Miss Emilie Barnes's salary	400 00
Work and rent	125 00
	————— 525 00

JELLASORE.

Teachers	62 00
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CHANDBALI.

To General Conference treasury	37 30
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BHIMPORE.

Mrs. Burkholder	160 00
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STORER COLLEGE.

Mrs. L. Lightner	425 00
Miss Stella James	350 00
Miss Ella Smith	350 00
Miss Claire Sands	380 00
Miss M. J. Baker	500 00
Industrial department	400 00
	————— 2,405 00

Miss Shirley Smith	200 00
Treasurer's salary	250 00
Asst. treasurer's salary	50 00
Western work	150 00
	————— 650 00

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

STATE APPORTIONMENTS.

Maine	\$2,000 00	Indiana	100 00
New Hampshire	1,600 00	Iowa	400 00
Vermont	400 00	Minnesota	600 02
Massachusetts	550 00	Nebraska	50 00
Rhode Island	1,400 00	Kansas	50 00
New York	100 00	South Dakota	75 00
New York and Pennsylvania	50 00	India	50 00
Pennsylvania	100 00	California	50 00
Illinois	100 00	Province of Quebec	50 00
Michigan	600 00		

S. C. G. AVERY, *Cor. Sec.*

Contributions.

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts for October, 1899

MAINE.

Corinth Charlotte W. Pugsley	\$2.00
East Raymond Mira and Blanche McLeod .	.20
E. Livermore F. B. W. M. S. for Miss Coombs (\$3 on L. M. of Mrs. Mary J. Record)	11.81
Foxcroft Dover and Foxcroft ch.—unknown .	15.00
Little Falls Junior C. E. Soc. for Miss Barnes .	1.00
Ocean Park Mrs. E. Tarbox annual mem. fee .	1.00
Portland aux. Miss Baker's salary \$10 Midnapore work \$5	15.00
Portland annual meeting W. M. S.	13.32
W. Buxton Martha A. Drew	1.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Alton W. M. S. for famine child	6.00
Bow Lake aux. (\$1 for H. M.)	3.75
Candia church	8.00
Dover H. H. and F. M. S. Miss C. Matthews .	3.00
Dover H. H. and F. M. S. salary of Julia Lett .	12.50
Gonic A. F. C. E. for Alma Seavey in S. O. .	6.25
Hampton aux.	10.00
Milton aux.	4.25
New Hampton aux.	5.00
Northwood Ridge church	5.70
Portsmouth aux.	6.00
Rochester Mr. O. T. Hill for Hill school \$25 other special object \$25	50.00
Rockingham Asso. col.	3.30
Sandwich F. B. Asso.	9.62
So. Berwick	2.00
Whitefield tuition of Malina in Mrs. Burkholder's Orphanage	25.00

VERMONT.

So. Wheelock T. O.	1.25
St. Johnsbury aux. for Miss Shirley Smith .	12.00
St. Johnsbury juniors for girls in S. O. .	1.00
Wheelock church T. O.	1.40
Wheelock church Arlo Vance . . . . .	.35

MASSACHUSETTS.

Lynn aux.	6.25
Somerville aux.	10.00

Woburn Mrs. M. Hartense Taylor \$1.00

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence Roger Williams F. B. Y. P. S. C. E. for kindergarten work. 18.75

NEW YORK.

Brooklyn Miss Eva T. Baker 4.00
Central N. Y. Y. M. F. M 2.00
Grant F. B. W. M. S. F. M. 4.00

OHIO.

South Ridge Soc. 6.00

MICHIGAN.

Gobleville W. M. S. for Miss Barnes 4.00

MINNESOTA.

Madelia W. M. S. \$10 F. M. \$5 H. M. 15.00
Winona and Houston Q. M. F. M. 2.00

IAWA.

Aurora aux. for Miss Scott 2.55
Bryantburgh aux. 2.00

Blackhawk and Buchanan Q. M. W. M. S. for Miss Scott 1.87

Burr Oak church 3.05

Cedar Valley Q. M. col. 10.18

Delaware and Clayton Q. M. W. M. S. for Miss Scott 2.75

Ellington church F. M. 5.00

Edgewood aux. for Miss Scott 1.00

Fairbank aux. for Miss Scott 4.75

Lamont aux. for Miss Scott 4.50

Little Cedar aux. for Miss Scott 4.12

Pleasant Hill H. M. Soc. 2.50

Waubeek aux. for Miss Scott 2.58

Total \$356.44

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.*

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